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WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia – Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2018 totaled 395,000 head, down 10,000 head from the January 1, 2017 inventory. **All cows and heifers that have calved** totaled 210,000 head, this is down 5,000 head from January 1, 2017.

Comparing January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2017: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 203,000 head, down 4,000 head; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 7,000 head, down 1,000 head; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 58,000 head, down 1,000 head; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 37,000 head, down 1,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 3,000 head, down 1,000 head; **other heifers** totaled 18,000 head, up 1,000 head; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 41,000 head, up 2,000 head; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 15,000 head, unchanged; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 71,000 head, down 6,000 head. **Cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 4,000 head, unchanged from 2017.

The 2017 **calf crop** totaled 195,000 head, down 5,000 head from the 2016 calf crop.

United States – All cattle and calves in the United States, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 94.4 million head, 1 percent above the 93.7 million head on January 1, 2017. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 41.1 million head, were 1 percent above the 40.6 million head on January 1, 2017.

Comparing January 1, 2018, to January 1, 2017: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 31.7 million head, up 2 percent; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 9.40 million head, up 1 percent; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 20.2 million head, up 1 percent; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 6.13 million head, down 4 percent; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 4.78 million head, up 1 percent; **other heifers** totaled 9.33 million head, up 4 percent; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 16.4 million head, down slightly; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 2.25 million head, up slightly; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 14.4 million head, up slightly. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots totaled 14.0 million head, up 7 percent. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** (outside of feedlots) was 26.1 million head, down 2 percent.

The 2017 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 35.8 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2017 were estimated at 26.0 million head, up 2 percent from the first half of 2016. Calves born during the second half of 2017 were estimated at 9.81 million head, 27 percent of the total 2017 calf crop.